

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the above amendments and remarks that follow.

Claim 41 has been amended to replace the phrase “second bracket means” with the word “mechanism.” Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims, and particularly at page 13. Claim 49 has been amended to replace the phrase “mouse pad assembly” with the phrase “second bracket means.” Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims, and particularly at pages 15-16. Claim 52 has been canceled. Claims 1-51 are pending in the present application.

Initially, Applicants wish to express their appreciation of the Examiner’s indication that claims 1-40 and 44-48 are allowed and that claims 49-51 would be allowable if amended to provide proper antecedent basis therein. To this end, Applicants note that while the Office Action Summary states claims 1-40 and 44-48 are allowed, page 3 of the Office Action states claims 1-29 and 40-48 are allowed. As rejections are only provided for claims 41-43 and 49-52, Applicants proceed with this response on the understanding that the summary is correct, and claims 1-40 and 44-48 are allowed.

Claims 41-43 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. The Office alleges the subject matter of claims 41 and 52 does not appear in the specification. Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been obviated.

Claim 52 has been canceled. Claim 41 has been amended to remove reference to the “second bracket means.” Accordingly, claim 41 now recites that the mechanism further comprises a swivel means. In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit the noted rejection is obviated, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for lacking proper antecedent basis for the “the mouse pad support.” Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been obviated.

Claim 49 has been amended to remove reference to the mouse pad support and now recites retention means for stationarily maintaining the second bracket means. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully submit claims 49-51 exhibit proper antecedent basis for all elements. In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit the noted rejection is obviated, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

It is believed that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions in order to expedite examination of this case.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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